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INDEPENDENT DAILY PAPER L'EXPRESS OF 21 OCTOBER CARRIED FOLLOW-
ING STORY, WHICH WOULD APPEAR TO BE BASED ON A BACKGROUNDER
GIVEN BY FOREIGN MINISTER SIR HAROLD WALTER. BEGIN TEXT.
(TRANSLATED FROM FRENCH): SIR HAROLD WALTER, MINISTER OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS, AND PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THE
OAU, WILL LEAVE MAURITIUS ON SATURDAY FOR GENEVA, WHERE HE
WILL ATTEND, AS AN OBSERVER, THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE
ON RHODESIA.

ONLY SIR HAROLD AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF NIGERIA
WILL BE ATTENDING THIS CONFERENCE AS OBSERVERS. MAURITIUS
WAS CHOSEN BECAUSE IT HOLDS THE PRESIDENCY OF THE OAU AND
NIGERIA BECAUSE IT IS GEOGRAPHICALLY LOCATED A GOOD DISTANCE
AWAY FROM THE SOUTH AFRICAN PROBLEM AND ALSO BECAUSE OF ITS
SIZE AND ECONOMIC STRENGTH. MOREOVER, GREAT BRITAIN REJECTED
A PROPOSAL BY PRESIDENT JULIUS NYERERE OF TANZANIA TO ACCEPT
AS OBSERVERS AT THE CONFERENCE IN GENEVA ON RHODESIA REPRESENTATIVES
OF CERTAIN AFRICAN COUNTRIES, THOSE OF THE "FRONT LINE"
(TANZANIA, ZAMBIA, MOZAMBIQUE, BOTSWANA AND ANGOLA). BUT
GREAT BRITAIN MADE IT KNOWN THAT THE OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES
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OR OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES COULD SEND "LIAISON AGENTS" WHO

WOULD MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE CONFERENCE. IN THIS CONNECTION, ON TUESDAY OF LAST WEEK SIR HAROLD HAD MEETINGS WITH THE AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE, DR. HENRY KISSINGER, IN THE PRESENCE OF AMERICAN OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS. SIR HAROLD WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MR. GUY BALANCY, MAURITIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S.

BESIDES THE PROBLEM OF THE MILITARIZATION OF THE INDIAN OCEAN WHICH WAS RAISED, SIR HAROLD DISCUSSED THE PROBLEMS OF RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA WITH THE AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE. ON THE SUBJECT OF THE NAMIBIA CRISIS, DR. KISSINGER ACCEPTED THE PROPOSAL TO THE EFFECT THAT A TRIPARTITE CONFERENCE SHOULD TAKE PLACE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND BRING TOGETHER REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SWAPO AND OF SOUTH AFRICA. THIS CONFERENCE, SIR HAROLD EXPLAINED, SHOULD HAVE AS ITS OBJECTIVE TO FIX A DATE FOR THE INDEPENDENCE OF NAMIBIA, AND TO STUDY THE PROPOSALS FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS FROM THE NAMIBIAN TERRITORY.

SIR HAROLD ALSO DISCUSSED WITH THE AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE THE PROBLEMS CONCERNED WITH THE ADMISSION OF ANGOLA TO THE UNITED NATIONS. "I AM HAPPY THAT YOU HAD THE COURAGE TO BRING UP THIS PROBLEM. THE US WILL STUDY THIS REQUEST WITH SYMPATHY AND GREAT SERIOUSNESS", DR. KISSINGER SAID TO SIR HAROLD.

APROPOS OF THE DISCUSSIONS OF THE MILITARIZATION OF THE INDIAN OCEAN SIR HAROLD REFUSED TO MAKE A STATEMENT IN VIEW OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE DISCUSSIONS. SIR HAROLD ALSO RAISED WITH DR. KISSINGER BILATERAL MAURITIAN-US RELATIONS.

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